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SUBJECT: INFORMAL FAC MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 1974

SUMMARY: MOST DELEGATIONS PRESENT INFORMALLY AND WITHOUT
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COMMITMENT SAID THEY THOUGHT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD

SIGN PROTOCOL FOR EXTENSION OF FAC WITH RESERVATION THAT
EC REMAIN A MEMBER: END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL CONCERN THAT FAC COULD LAPSE BY ACCIDENT IF
COUNTRIES OTHER THAN EC DID NOTHING BETWEEN APRIL 2 AND
22.

2. EC COMMISSION HAS MADE RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS APPROVE EXTENSION OF FAC. PROBABLY WILL
NOT BE DISCUSSION OF FAC AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING
IN EARLY APRIL BECAUSE OF FULL AGENDA. AT APRIL 22
COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEETING WILL PROBABLY
DISCUSS FAC BUT NOT REACH DECISION. AT COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS MEETING IN EARLY MAY WHOLE QUESTION OF AID
WILL BE DISCUSSED. IT IS HOPED, REPEAT HOPED, THAT
DECISION TO REMAIN MEMBER OF FAC CAN BE REACHED. IF
DECISION NOT REACHED, EC WOULD PROBABLY FILE A
DECLARATION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION. EXPECT
CONTINUATION OF PROBLEM WITH ITALY FILLING OBLIGATIONS.

3. PROBABLE POSITION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS ON SIGNING
OF PROTOCOL: SWITZERLAND, ARGENTINA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA
WOULD MOST LIKELY SIGN WITH RESERVATION THAT EC REMAIN
MEMBER. FINLAND WOULD PROBABLY SIGN WITHOUT RESERVATION,
BUT RATIFICATION WOULD DEPEND ON EC REMAINING MEMBER.
JAPAN MOST LIKELY WILL SIGN WITH RESERVATION THAT EC AND
US REMAIN MEMBERS. SWEDEN IS RELUCTANT TO SIGN WITH
RESERVATION.

4. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE FUTURE OF FAC AT
THIS TIME BUT IT APPEARS THAT MOST OTHER MEMBERS WILL DO
ALL POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE EC REMAINING A MEMBER. EC
DELEGATE COULD NOT GIVE ASSESSMENT OF UK AND DANISH
POSITION.

5. VARIOUS POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT POSITIONS SHOULD NOT,
REPEAT NOT, BE DISCUSSED IN VARIOUS CAPITALS. IT IS
ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT THESE SPECULATIONS ON EC
POSITION NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH EITHER COMMISSION OR
VARIOUS MEMBER CAPITALS.
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